

**California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**  
Organizational Structure for  
Implementation of the Strategic Action Proposal

**Concept:** The San Joaquin Valley Council

**Purpose of the Council:** (1) Champion the implementation of the ten-year strategic action proposal prepared by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley; (2) act as “civic entrepreneurs” and advance other region-wide projects/initiatives that positively impact the economic vitality of the San Joaquin Valley; (3) engage, empower and improve the effectiveness of local and regional leadership; and (4) continue to raise the profile of the San Joaquin Valley to attract additional public and private investments leading to improved quality of life for its citizens. .

**Composition of the Council:** Tap into the existing leadership networks in the San Joaquin Valley that provide local and regional leadership on matters relating to sustainable economic vitality (broadly defined), such as representatives appointed by the following:

- San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties
- San Joaquin Valley Mayors Conference
- Regional COG working group
- Regional workforce investment board group
- Regional economic development corporation group
- Regional chamber of commerce network
- Regional farm bureau network
- City managers association
- County CAO association
- Central Valley Higher Education Consortium
- California Community College – Central Region Consortium
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- Regional network of K-12 county superintendents
- Grassroots citizens groups
- Ad hoc private sector representatives
- Federal and state representatives (gubernatorial appointments?)

The representatives would be responsible for the communication channels between the Council and the regional groups and soliciting input and building consensus among peers.

**Work Groups** – The “work group” structure of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley could be used by the Council to engage subject matter experts and solicit input from leaders in the region.

**Legal Entity/Structure** – The San Joaquin Valley Council could consider establishing a new 501 (c) (3) structure at some point. However, the Council could operate “virtually” or through a new/extended executive order and could competitively bid the \$5 million 2006-07 earmark (and subsequent allocations) to an outside entity(ies) for administration and program implementation.

**Advocacy for the Region** – At some point, the San Joaquin Valley Council may consider creating a separate political action committee to advocate for specific legislation and other issues of significant importance to the region that require influence beyond that allowed by not-for-profit organizations.